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Remarks

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 17 have been amended to address the objections raised by the Examiner.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 9-16, 18-19, and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,888,621 to Frohlich et al. The Examiner asserts that Frohlich in "Figure 18 . . . along with its disclosure anticipates all structural elements . . ." Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Frohlich discloses web-like elements for attachment of cardboard. While Figure 18 discloses a multilayered element with "corrugated layers with their webs 16 to 19 and 66 to 69 . . . at right angles," Frohlich discusses the use of this element for universal alignment purposes. Frohlich fails to disclose an element capable of biaxial motion between two substrates. At most Frohlich contemplates a surface that can move in a longitudinal direction, i.e. along one axis as shown in Figure 19 in which adjustment of the "volume or capacity of the body" is discussed.

Further, Frohlich fails to disclose the first and second slidable fasteners that have substantially unrestricted biaxial motion relative to one another. A cardboard box with multilayered elements as provided in Figure 18 of Frohlich would not provide a teaching of a bearing assembly that permits biaxial motion relative to two substrates.

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Conclusion

All outstanding objections and rejections are believed to have been met and overcome. If a telephonic conference with Applicants' undersigned representative would be useful in advancing the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 733-2180. A notice of allowance for all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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